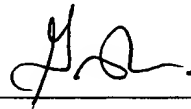


**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In order to expedite prosecution, claims 1-5, 7-17 and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 22 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 23. Since the remaining claims should be allowable as indicated in the Office Action, it is respectfully requested that the application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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